MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD SMSA'S

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MISSOURI LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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Missouri labor market conditions continued to show substantial improvement in March. Unemployment has dropped sharply since reaching a seasonal peak in January. The March rate, not seasonally adjusted, was 8.8 percent, down from 9.6 percent in February and 10.2 percent in January. The number of jobless Missourians is estimated to have been 207,200 in March, about 17,600 fewer than in February.

Improvement is normal for March, with the easing of winter weather, but this year's drop in unemployment was greater than the usual seasonal amount. The size of the drop is somewhat surprising, given the poor weather which prevailed in the month. When seasonal factors are taken into consideration, unemployment is now probably at its lowest level in more than two years.

Total employment also showed substantial improvement, with the number of employed Missourians climbing by 45,200 between February and March to 2,156,900. This improvement is also greater than the usual seasonal amount; discounting seasonal factors, employment has climbed to its highest level in about four years.

The number of nonfarm payroll jobs in the state, while up somewhat from February's level, continues to experience somewhat slower growth than total employment. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 17,300 jobs between February and March, primarily on the strength of seasonal growth in construction, retail trade, and services. The

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STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
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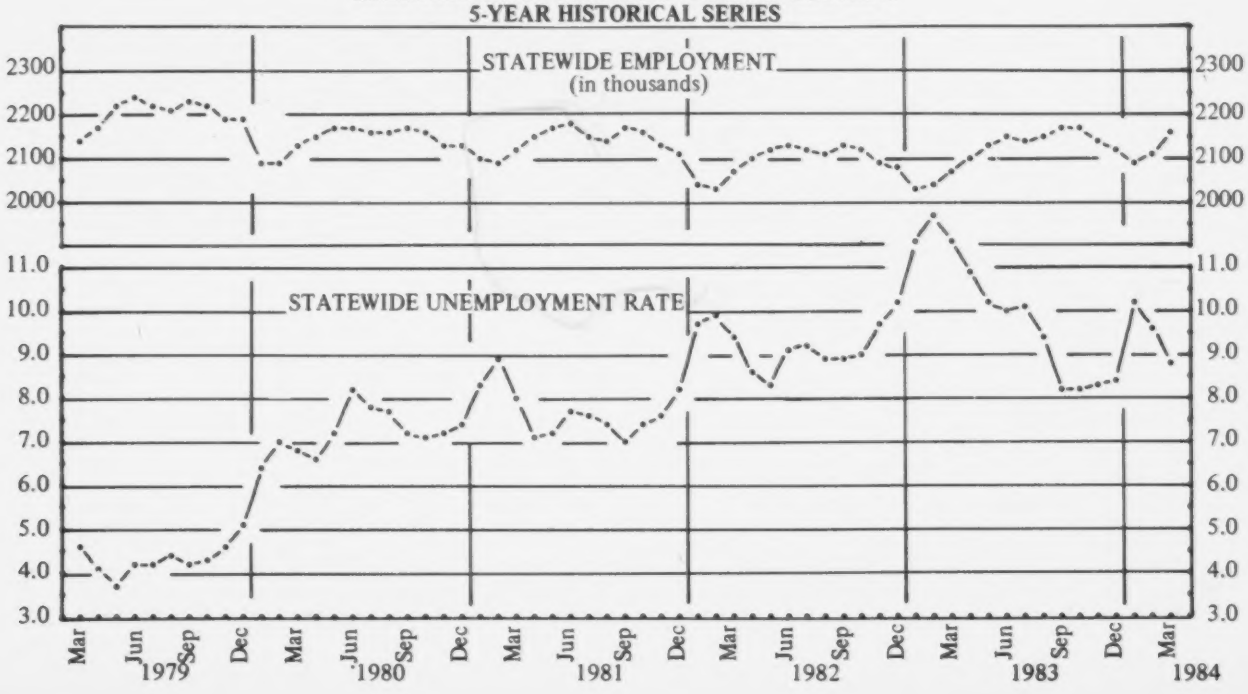

TABLE 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - MAR 1984 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - FEB 1984 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - MAR 1983 (BENCHMARKED 1983)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2364180	2156949	207231	8.8	2336405	2111652	224753	9.6	2341842	2070396	271446	11.6
ST. LOUIS SMSA	1161102	1048019	113083	9.7	1152847	1035604	117243	10.2	1141954	1010547	131407	11.5
KANSAS CITY SMSA	685275	640976	44299	6.5	677756	631500	46256	6.8	686340	618354	67986	9.9
SPRINGFIELD SMSA	114417	106988	7429	6.5	113644	105341	8303	7.3	111707	101295	10412	9.3
COLUMBIA SMSA	58886	56090	2796	4.7	58135	55342	2793	4.8	55238	52059	3179	5.8
JOPLIN SMSA	58527	53656	4871	8.3	57521	52474	5047	8.8	58249	51924	6325	10.9
ST. JOSEPH SMSA	45994	41384	4610	10.0	45665	40980	4685	10.3	46666	40492	6174	13.2
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	16764	15423	1341	8.0	16930	14648	2282	13.5	15926	14533	1393	8.7
ATCHISON	4485	3761	724	16.1	4998	4483	515	10.3	4885	4692	193	4.0
AUDRAIN	10980	10020	960	8.7	10732	9752	980	9.1	10898	9371	1527	14.0
BARRY	11113	10250	863	7.8	11171	10137	1034	9.3	11328	10128	1200	10.6
BARTON	4918	4699	219	4.5	4849	4551	298	6.1	4753	4389	364	7.7
BATES	7623	6975	648	8.5	7307	6670	637	8.7	7595	6785	810	10.7
BENTON	5114	4551	563	11.0	4966	4315	651	13.1	4967	4342	625	12.6
BOLLINGER	3306	2584	722	21.8	3273	2512	761	23.3	3274	2499	775	23.7
BUTLER	16268	13954	2314	14.2	16017	13559	2458	15.3	16164	13316	2848	17.6
CALDWELL	3611	3292	319	8.8	3515	3172	343	9.8	3731	3279	452	12.1
CALLAWAY	20704	19215	1489	7.2	20335	18855	1480	7.3	21253	19379	1874	8.8
CAMDEN	11720	10407	1313	11.2	10997	9355	1642	14.9	10731	9322	1409	13.1
CAPE GIRARDEAU	30987	29113	1874	6.0	31073	28673	2400	7.7	30514	27431	3083	10.1
CARROLL	4640	4113	527	11.4	4415	3954	461	10.4	4650	4093	557	12.0
CARTER	2982	2614	368	12.3	3003	2581	422	14.1	2769	2407	362	13.1
CEDAR	4417	4035	382	8.6	4356	3850	506	11.6	4149	3684	465	11.2
CHARITON	4685	4324	361	7.7	4568	4146	422	9.2	4666	4262	404	8.7
CLARK	3105	2740	365	11.8	3175	2640	535	16.9	3536	2806	730	20.6
CLINTON	7273	6719	554	7.6	7027	6465	562	8.0	7176	6384	792	11.0
COLE/OSAGE LMA	36375	33486	2889	7.9	35686	32887	2799	7.8	35922	32721	3201	8.9
COOPER	6996	6408	588	8.4	6790	6207	583	8.6	7204	6133	1071	14.9
CRAWFORD	7455	6601	854	11.5	7232	6347	885	12.2	7403	6447	956	12.9
DADE	3704	3530	174	4.7	3614	3401	213	5.9	3710	3440	270	7.3
DALLAS	4325	3877	448	10.4	4341	3801	540	12.4	4782	4051	731	15.3
DAVIESS	2957	2538	419	14.2	2789	2384	405	14.5	2961	2518	443	15.0
DEKALB	3269	3004	265	8.1	3142	2915	227	7.2	3203	2832	371	11.6
DENT	5986	5293	693	11.6	5881	5048	833	14.2	6174	4948	1226	19.9
DOUGLAS	4508	4053	455	10.1	4366	3843	523	12.0	4399	3787	612	13.9
DUNKLIN	13279	11376	1903	14.3	13280	11136	2144	16.1	14027	10876	3151	22.5
GASCONADE	6885	6392	493	7.2	6753	6249	504	7.5	6728	6000	728	10.8
GENTRY	3908	3621	287	7.3	3800	3509	291	7.7	4036	3793	243	6.0
GRUNDY	5126	4578	548	10.7	5001	4412	589	11.8	5139	4503	636	12.4
HARRISON	4850	4395	455	9.4	4680	4252	428	9.1	4642	4243	399	8.6
HENRY	9105	8378	727	8.0	8908	8114	794	8.9	9152	8288	864	9.4
HICKORY	2302	2007	295	12.8	2242	1932	310	13.8	2176	1884	292	13.4
HOLT	3280	2949	331	10.1	3156	2807	349	11.1	3161	2893	268	8.5
HOWARD	4781	4433	348	7.3	4637	4271	366	7.9	4600	4038	562	12.2
HOWELL	13384	11963	1421	10.6	13266	11757	1509	11.4	13218	11340	1878	14.2
IRON	4528	3804	724	16.0	4466	3823	643	14.4	4606	3970	636	13.8
JOHNSON	15995	15105	890	5.6	15689	14771	918	5.9	15775	14590	1185	7.5
KNOX	2434	2152	282	11.6	2409	2049	360	14.9	2434	2129	305	12.5
LACLEDE	10761	9763	998	9.3	11002	9925	1077	9.8	11014	9805	1209	11.0
LAFAYETTE	14362	13340	1022	7.1	13996	12915	1081	7.7	14607	12839	1768	12.1
LAWRENCE	12420	11201	1219	9.8	12136	10871	1265	10.4	11772	10440	1332	11.3

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LEWIS	5549	4850	699	12.6	5382	4588	794	14.8	5338	4307	1031	19.3
LINCOLN	10072	8925	1147	11.4	9904	8709	1195	12.1	10074	8835	1239	12.3
LINN	7846	7009	837	10.7	7680	6735	945	12.3	8082	6684	1398	17.3
LIVINGSTON	6874	6124	750	10.9	6756	5970	786	11.6	6975	6174	801	11.5
MACON	6790	6161	629	9.3	6709	5994	715	10.7	7141	5517	1624	22.7
MADISON	3859	3315	544	14.1	3736	3196	540	14.5	3953	3334	619	15.7
MARIES	2598	2311	287	11.0	2539	2210	329	13.0	2748	2324	424	15.4
MARION/RALLS LMA	18070	16043	2027	11.2	17712	15653	2059	11.6	18207	15508	2699	14.8
MCDONALD	5593	5004	589	10.5	5313	4728	585	11.0	5450	4741	709	13.0
MERCER	1817	1638	179	9.9	1772	1590	182	10.3	1796	1662	134	7.5
MILLER	10232	8768	1464	14.3	10163	8426	1737	17.1	10119	8373	1746	17.3
MISSISSIPPI	6469	5562	907	14.0	6532	5511	1021	15.6	6656	5451	1205	18.1
MONITEAU	4788	4248	540	11.3	4842	3777	1065	22.0	4737	4066	671	14.2
MONROE	4493	4193	300	6.7	4303	3987	316	7.3	4284	3830	454	10.6
MONTGOMERY	5276	4770	506	9.6	5163	4584	579	11.2	5290	4685	605	11.4
MORGAN	5587	4879	708	12.7	5507	4525	982	17.8	5452	4603	849	15.6
NEW MADRID	11444	10227	1217	10.6	11396	10023	1373	12.0	10525	9007	1518	14.4
NODAWAY	10508	9811	697	6.6	10212	9492	720	7.1	10615	9968	647	6.1
OREGON	3073	2667	406	13.2	3063	2618	445	14.5	3036	2558	478	15.7
OZARK	3945	3531	414	10.5	3661	3165	496	13.5	3508	3115	393	11.2
PEMISCOT	8259	7110	1149	13.9	8146	6883	1263	15.5	8443	6806	1637	19.4
PERRY	6896	6229	667	9.7	6794	6052	742	10.9	6985	6131	854	12.2
PETTIS	16320	14801	1519	9.3	16084	14358	1726	10.7	15922	13759	2163	13.6
PHELPS	15566	14338	1228	7.9	15391	14099	1292	8.4	15629	14102	1527	9.8
PIKE	7199	6160	1039	14.4	7091	6014	1077	15.2	7196	6095	1101	15.3
POLK	8808	8241	567	6.4	8415	7741	674	8.0	8175	7332	843	10.3
PULASKI	8932	8082	850	9.5	8922	7932	990	11.1	8647	7706	941	10.9
PUTNAM	2982	2665	317	10.6	2951	2548	403	13.7	3137	2744	393	12.5
RANDOLPH	11572	10601	971	8.4	11471	10417	1054	9.2	11436	10209	1227	10.7
REYNOLDS	2500	2005	495	19.8	2507	1934	573	22.9	2860	2344	516	18.0
RIPLEY	3328	2797	531	16.0	3306	2708	598	18.1	3645	2723	922	25.3
SALINE	13690	12862	828	6.0	13453	12494	959	7.1	13322	12387	935	7.0
SCOTLAND	2351	2121	230	9.8	2280	2007	273	12.0	2376	2128	248	10.4
SCOTT	17320	15314	2006	11.6	17219	15046	2173	12.6	18401	15733	2668	14.5
SHANNON	3343	2591	752	22.5	3170	2362	808	25.5	3095	2426	669	21.6
SHELBY	3124	2884	240	7.7	3009	2790	219	7.3	3234	2857	377	11.7
ST. CLAIR	3844	3487	357	9.3	3654	3334	320	8.8	3702	3333	369	10.0
ST. FRANCOIS	19925	17433	2492	12.5	19620	17149	2471	12.6	19424	16589	2835	14.6
STE. GENEVIEVE	5741	5135	606	10.6	5671	5063	608	10.7	5754	5052	702	12.2
STODDARD	12736	10900	1836	14.4	12565	10582	1983	15.8	12998	10918	2080	16.0
STONE	7200	5687	1513	21.0	7070	5282	1788	25.3	6413	5061	1352	21.1
SULLIVAN	3484	3146	338	9.7	3367	2995	372	11.0	3138	2864	274	8.7
TANEY	12329	10194	2135	17.3	12113	9566	2547	21.0	11643	9449	2194	18.8
TEXAS	8054	6917	1137	14.1	8086	6786	1300	16.1	7660	6467	1193	15.6
VERNON	9497	8898	599	6.3	9318	8644	674	7.2	9494	8673	821	8.6
WARREN	6114	5432	682	11.2	5968	5197	771	12.9	5714	4962	752	13.2
WASHINGTON	4646	3626	1020	22.0	4666	3593	1073	23.0	5307	3727	1580	29.8
WAYNE	4298	3514	784	18.2	4185	3377	808	19.3	4015	3271	744	18.5
WEBSTER	7591	6803	788	10.4	7489	6633	856	11.4	7885	6590	1295	16.4
WORTH	1101	988	113	10.3	1055	943	112	10.6	1116	984	132	11.8
WRIGHT	7405	6655	750	10.1	7223	6448	775	10.7	6956	6074	882	12.7

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TABLE 2. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT, HOURS AND EARNINGS
MISSOURI (STATEWIDE)
MARCH, 1984

INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	1925.5	1908.2	1889.6									
Total Manufacturing	414.4	412.2	390.9	368.55	365.02	341.64	40.5	40.2	39.0	9.10	9.08	8.76
Durable Goods	233.2	231.9	213.8	411.16	406.23	382.85	41.7	41.2	40.3	9.86	9.86	9.50
Lumber & Wood Products	9.1	9.0	8.7	232.44	234.24	205.72	39.0	38.4	37.2	5.96	6.10	5.53
Furniture & Fixtures	9.0	9.1	8.3	287.85	297.97	272.35	40.6	41.5	39.3	7.09	7.18	6.93
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.6	10.2	10.2	407.71	408.46	375.01	41.1	41.3	39.6	9.92	9.89	9.47
Cement, Hydraulic	1.2	1.1	1.0	582.78	527.22	518.09	42.2	39.7	39.7	13.81	13.28	13.05
Structural Clay Prod.	2.2	2.2	2.1	452.97	436.21	427.39	40.3	39.8	38.4	11.24	10.96	11.13
Other Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	7.2	6.9	7.1	367.92	381.71	341.09	41.2	41.9	39.8	8.93	9.11	8.57
Primary Metal Industries	13.2	13.2	12.0	451.66	452.99	412.94	40.8	40.7	38.2	11.07	11.13	10.81
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.9	1.8	1.6	363.80	348.30	301.00	41.2	40.5	35.0	8.83	8.60	8.60
Non-Ferrous Foundries	2.5	2.6	2.3	314.61	329.89	307.49	40.7	41.6	40.3	7.73	7.93	7.63
Other Primary Metals	8.8	8.8	8.1	521.83	517.12	475.59	40.8	40.4	38.2	12.79	12.80	12.45
Fabricated Metal Products	28.6	28.4	27.1	384.40	387.69	380.15	41.2	41.2	40.1	9.33	9.41	9.48
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	9.8	9.7	10.3	353.47	356.98	368.06	38.8	39.1	38.3	9.11	9.13	9.61
Other Fabricated Metal Prod.	18.8	18.7	16.8									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.0	31.0	29.5	394.99	398.93	365.88	40.1	40.5	38.8	9.85	9.85	9.43
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	47.2	46.7	43.1	363.19	359.56	364.27	40.9	40.4	40.7	8.88	8.90	8.95
Transportation Equipment	65.8	65.6	56.8	556.99	531.15	513.76	45.1	42.8	42.6	12.35	12.41	12.06
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	27.8	27.7	19.0	586.59	536.36	534.91	48.2	44.0	44.8	12.17	12.19	11.94
Other Transportation Equip.	38.0	37.9	37.8	512.21	524.39	490.84	40.3	41.0	40.2	12.71	12.79	12.21
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.9	11.9	11.5	322.98	325.21	306.79	42.0	42.4	42.2	7.69	7.67	7.27
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.8	6.8	6.6	255.84	260.41	234.01	38.3	39.1	38.3	6.68	6.59	6.11
Nondurable Goods	181.2	180.3	177.1	316.29	315.12	295.91	39.0	39.0	37.6	8.11	8.08	7.87
Food & Kindred Products	44.9	44.6	45.1	371.29	381.56	351.08	41.3	41.7	40.4	8.99	9.15	8.69
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	11.8	11.4	11.5	271.15	275.46	286.55	42.5	41.8	39.2	6.38	6.59	7.31
Dairy Products	6.3	6.4	6.4	412.16	417.41	340.13	44.8	44.5	40.3	9.20	9.38	8.44
Grain Mill Products	7.0	7.2	7.5	387.47	419.79	381.60	39.7	43.1	40.9	9.76	9.74	9.33
Bakery Products	5.7	5.6	5.5	369.98	365.31	359.81	37.6	36.9	38.4	9.84	9.90	9.37
Beverages	10.0	9.9	9.8	519.43	518.24	464.12	39.5	39.5	41.7	13.15	13.12	11.13

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Other Food & Kindred Prod.	4.1	4.1	4.4	387.90	404.71	363.23	41.8	43.1	43.5	9.28	9.39	8.35
Textile & Apparel	26.3	26.2	24.2	186.54	185.71	185.14	35.6	36.2	34.8	5.24	5.13	5.32
Paper & Allied Products	13.1	13.0	12.4	357.29	348.00	342.72	40.1	39.5	40.8	8.91	8.81	8.40
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.4	6.4	6.1	376.38	350.61	356.42	41.0	39.0	41.3	9.18	8.99	8.63
Other Paper & Allied Products	6.7	6.6	6.3	341.60	346.00	329.25	39.4	40.0	40.3	8.67	8.65	8.17
Printing & Publishing	37.3	37.1	36.9	267.47	361.37	339.43	38.6	38.2	37.3	9.52	9.46	9.10
Commercial Printing	12.3	12.2	11.7	435.48	424.68	398.09	41.2	40.6	38.8	10.57	10.46	10.26
Other Printing & Publishing	25.0	24.9	25.2	304.44	303.48	291.33	36.2	36.0	36.1	8.41	8.43	8.07
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.7	27.6	27.3	432.18	419.42	392.62	42.1	41.2	39.9	10.29	10.18	9.84
Leather & Leather Products	18.9	18.9	19.0	184.76	185.14	160.88	34.6	34.8	31.3	5.34	5.32	5.14
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.8	14.8	14.6	182.32	180.92	155.54	34.4	34.2	30.8	5.30	5.29	5.05
Other Leather & Leather Prod.	4.1	4.0	4.4	194.35	200.00	177.33	35.4	36.9	32.9	5.49	5.42	5.39
Other Nondurable Goods	13.0	12.9	12.2	302.54	301.44	275.80	40.5	40.3	38.9	7.47	7.48	7.09
Other Nonmanufacturing	1511.1	1496.0	1498.7									
Mining	6.3	6.4	6.4									
Construction	68.3	62.9	67.8									
Transportation & Public Util.	134.8	134.1	130.9									
Railroad Transportation	13.0	13.1	13.2									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	65.5	64.7	64.7									
Communication, Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.3	56.3	53.0									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	448.2	442.9	447.2									
Wholesale Trade	125.7	125.2	125.0									
Retail Trade	322.5	317.7	322.2									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	108.5	108.1	109.9									
Services	408.5	405.1	404.7									
Government	336.5	336.5	331.8									
Federal Government	69.3	69.2	68.5									
State & Local Government	267.2	267.3	263.3									

Prepared by the Missouri Division of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Estimates are based on monthly reports from cooperating establishments.

Data cover employees who worked or received pay for the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers or unpaid family workers, and domestic workers. Payroll and hours data cover production and related workers in manufacturing.

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total number of nonfarm payroll jobs has increased by about 35,900 over the past 12 months, compared to growth in total employment of 86,500.

The factory workweek remains strong, with average weekly hours of manufacturing production workers increasing three-tenths of an hour to 40.5 hours in March. This is an hour-and-a-half greater than the year-earlier figure. Average weekly earnings increased by $3.53 to $368.55 in March, representing a gain of 7.9 percent over year-earlier earnings. Average hourly earnings in March were $9.10, little changed from February's $9.08.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

The national economy continued to grow at an unexpectedly rapid rate in the first quarter of 1984. Latest estimates show the nation's production of goods and services growing at an annual rate of 8.3 percent in the quarter, despite bad weather. Some of this increase was the result of inventory accumulation, as final sales appeared to be growing at a more moderate rate. Inventory building may not occur at such a rapid rate in the second quarter, and growth in GNP may well slow down to a more sustainable pace.

National unemployment failed to drop in March, after falling for six consecutive months. Still, the seasonally-adjusted civilian rate remained at 7.8 percent, which is surprisingly low considering that only 15 months ago unemployment was hovering at the 10.7 percent mark. The number of jobless Americans fell by more than 3.1 million in the 15 month period to 8.8 million. Total employment was up by 248,000 in March to 104.1 million. Some analysts have suggested that the relative lack of change in March labor force data is further evidence of a slowing in the economy.

In Missouri, considerable seasonal improvement in labor market conditions can be expected in April with some additional improvement in May. Employment can be expected to increase further in June, but the summer growth of the labor force brings with it a temporary increase in unemployment.

TABLE 3. SELECTED ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELATED TO MANPOWER DEVELOPMENTS
MISSOURI – MARCH, 1984

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From: 1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,364,100	2,336,500	2,341,800	27,600	22,300
Total Employed	2,156,900	2,111,700	2,070,400	45,200	86,500
Total Unemployed	207,200	224,800	271,400	-17,600	-64,200
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	8.8	9.6	11.6	-0.8	-2.8
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	1,925,500	1,908,200	1,889,600	17,300	35,900
Manufacturing	414,400	412,200	390,900	2,200	23,500
Durable Goods	233,200	231,900	213,800	1,300	19,400
Nondurable Goods	181,200	180,300	177,100	900	4,100
Nonmanufacturing	1,511,100	1,496,000	1,498,700	15,100	12,400
State Initial Claims (Wkly. Avg.)	8,398	8,345	10,203	53	-1,805
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly. Avg.)	58,610	60,413	90,063	-1,803	-31,453
Insured Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.0	4.8	0.1	-1.7
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	5,833	4,912	9,995	921	-4,162
Amount of Benefits Paid	$19,208,576	$18,218,907	$30,632,867	$989,669	-$11,424,291
State U.I.	18,791,997	17,804,322	30,092,712	987,675	-11,300,715
UCFE	231,513	234,068	228,092	-2,555	3,421
UCX	185,066	180,517	312,063	4,549	-126,997

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KANSAS CITY LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The Kansas City Area includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the Area has been published at 1,327,020 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

MARCH, 1984

FRANCIENA KING, ANALYST

Employment rose markedly in March and unemployment declined in the second month in 1984. The unemployment rate dropped by three-tenths of a percentage point over the month as a result of a major increase in employment in the automobile assembly industry and strong growth in seasonal employment. Current unemployment statistics compare favorably with year ago figures. Total employment recorded a sizable gain of 22,700 positions as total unemployment declined by 23,700 over the year.

Wage and salaried employment in March 1984 was 615,900, up by 6,300 from the Febraury 1984 total of 609,600. Gains, which were equally spread, in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing contributed to the total over-the-month growth in payroll employment. Manufacturing employment rose by 2,900 with 2,600 of the jobs gained concentrated in motor vehicles, as a result of 4,000 assemblers being added to a second shift at one area automobile assembly plant. Other changes in the durable goods sector were minor gains in primary metals, electrical equipment and other durables. In nondurables goods, the only changes were small increases registered in printing and publishing, chemicals and other nondurable goods. Within nonmanufacturing, over the month increases were concentrated in the industries with a strong seasonal component. Of the 3,300 jobs added, 1,300 were registered in services, 800 jobs were added in retail trade and 600 jobs were gained in construction. Other notable increases occurred in wholesale trade, which showed a gain of 300 jobs and federal government, which showed 200 additional tax processors. Other small gains were made in mining and quarrying and transportation, communications and utilities. The only losses noted over the month were losses of one hundred jobs each in stone, clay and glass, fabricated metal products and state and local government.

Wage and salaried employment was up by 18,500 from March 1983 to March 1984. All but two manufacturing industries showed employment gains over the year. The strong showing of durable goods reflected primarily the improvement in automobile assembly, which showed a 12-month gain of 4,000 jobs. Other notable increases over-the-year were recorded in electrical equipment which increased by 1,400, fabricated metals which posted 1,000 additional positions and machinery which registered 700 jobs. Together these four industries accounted for more than eighty per cent (80%) of the past year's gains in total manufacturing. Minor gains were recorded in most other manufacturing sector industries; only petroleum and primary metals employment declined from a year-ago levels. With the exception of the continuing decline in state and local government, primarily local schools, and a small decline in transportation, communications and utilities, the nonmanufacturing sector showed substantially higher employment levels than year ago figures. Construction with 2,600 jobs and services with 3,500 jobs continued to be consistent high gainers. Strong showings were also posted in wholesale trade with 1,900 jobs, retail trade with 1,700 jobs and finance, insurance and real estate with 1,700 jobs.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 44,300 in March 1984 for 6.5 per cent of the labor force, compared to 46,300 in February 1984 for 6.8 per cent of the labor force and 68,000 in March 1983 for 9.9 per cent of the labor force.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

Seasonal factors should push the Area economy along its upward trend in April 1984. With no major lay offs expected to occur, seasonal gains in construction, services, retail and wholesale trade should increase the area's employment totals. Employment in federal government should reach its highest level of the year as a result of the hiring of extra tax processors. Unemployment is expected to be 6.4 per cent of the labor force compared to 6.5 per cent in March 1984 and 9.2 per cent in April 1983.

The area's labor market should begin to stablize in May 1984 before the expected surge in labor market activity in June. Improving weather conditions will produce additional seasonal gains in services and construction. The normal loss of federal government jobs as tax processors are laid off should be outweighed by minor across the board increases in other industries. Unemployment is expected to be 6.4 per cent in May 1984, compared to 8.3 per cent in May 1983.

SPECIAL ENERGY REPORT

No new developments have been reported.

KANSAS CITY AREA-
MISSOURI JOB SERVICE STATISTICS

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 36,660 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of March 1984. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	17.7
	22-44	65.5
	45 and over	16.8
Sex:	Male	63.4
	Female	36.6
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	30.3
	Other Non-White	1.1
	Hispanic	2.1

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	49.4
Veterans	22.9
Handicapped	2.8

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated March 31, 1984.

JOB PLACEMENTS

During March 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 6,795 and job placements totaled 2,020. There were 1,378 veteran referrals in March 1984, with 285 veteran placements. During February 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 6,994 and job placements 2,156. There were 1,455 veteran referrals in February 1984, with 343 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated March 31, 1984.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA (MISSOURI SIDE ONLY) MARCH, 1984

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	16.7	16.9	16.8
25-34	37.8	34.4	36.6
35-44	19.4	20.7	19.8
45-54	14.1	15.3	14.6
55-64	11.1	10.7	10.9
65 and over	0.6	1.8	1.1
Unreported	0.3	0.2	0.2

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agriculture	0.5
Mining	0.4
Construction	14.5
Manufacturing	19.0
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	5.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	17.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.6
Services	27.7
All Other	12.2
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	11.1
Clerical	16.1
Sales	4.6
Services	16.6
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	1.1
Processing	1.9
Machine Trades	5.7
Bench Work	4.3
Structural Work	11.4
Miscellaneous	15.1
Information not available	12.0

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 7,179; 4,511 were male and 2,661 were female.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March 1983)

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data March, 1984

Item	Number of jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	615,900	609,600	597,400	+6,300	+18,500
Total Manufacturing	114,200	111,200	105,400	+3,000	+8,800
Durable Goods	65,800	63,100	58,300	+2,700	+7,500
Lumber & Furniture	2,800	2,800	2,500	0	+300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,700	3,800	3,400	-100	+300
Primary Metal Industries	3,400	3,300	3,600	+100	-200
Fabricated Metal Products	9,300	9,400	8,300	-100	+1,000
Machinery Except Electrical	8,500	8,500	7,800	0	+700
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	20,800	20,700	19,400	+100	+1,400
Transportation Equipment	13,700	11,100	9,700	+2,600	+4,000
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(13,500)	(10,900)	(9,500)	(+2,600)	(+4,000)
Other Durable Goods	3,600	3,500	3,600	+100	0
Nondurable Goods	48,400	48,100	47,100	+300	+1,300
Food & Kindred Products	9,400	9,400	9,100	0	+300
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,500	2,500	2,200	0	+300
Paper & Allied Products	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	18,100	18,000	17,800	+100	+300
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,300	8,200	8,200	+100	+100
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	600	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,500	4,300	+100	+300
Total Nonmanufacturing	501,700	498,400	492,000	+3,300	+9,700
Mining & Quarrying	600	500	500	+100	+100
Construction	21,900	21,300	19,300	+600	+2,600
Transportation & Utilities	49,400	49,300	49,600	+100	-200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	156,700	155,600	153,100	+1,100	+3,600
Wholesale Trade	(51,400)	(51,100)	(49,500)	(+300)	(+1,900)
Retail Trade	(105,300)	(104,500)	(103,600)	(+800)	(+1,700)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	47,800	47,800	46,100	0	+1,700
Services	135,200	133,900	131,700	+1,300	+3,500
Government	90,100	90,000	91,700	+100	-1,600
Federal Government	(24,100)	(23,900)	(23,700)	(+200)	(+400)
State & Local Government	(66,000)	(66,100)	(68,000)	(-100)	(-2,000)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	100	0	0

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TABLE 2. PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data March, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$417.15	$424.98	$386.86	40.5	41.3	39.8	$10.30	$10.29	$9.72
DURABLE GOODS	444.44	457.97	411.69	40.7	41.9	39.7	10.92	10.93	10.37
Lumber & Furniture	314.65	317.52	293.33	40.6	40.5	38.8	7.75	7.84	7.56
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	472.28	478.23	449.33	40.4	40.7	36.8	11.69	11.75	12.21
Primary Metal Industries	444.00	442.60	391.50	40.0	40.2	34.8	11.10	11.01	11.25
Fabricated Metal Products	356.84	371.57	344.79	39.3	40.3	37.6	9.08	9.22	9.17
Machinery Exc. Electrical	417.64	413.01	404.21	39.4	39.0	40.3	10.60	10.59	10.03
Elect. Equip. & Supplies	433.25	436.80	404.94	41.9	42.0	41.2	10.34	10.40	9.95
Transportation Equipment	570.88	657.98	538.42	41.1	46.5	41.9	13.89	14.15	12.85
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(575.98)	(665.48)	(550.67)	(41.2)	(46.7)	(42.1)	(13.98)	(14.25)	(13.08)
Other Durable Goods	245.50	251.29	223.61	38.3	38.9	37.9	6.41	6.46	5.90
NONDURABLE GOODS	368.92	370.47	348.40	40.1	40.4	40.0	9.20	9.17	8.71
Food & Kindred Products	400.87	422.46	406.85	42.6	44.8	43.7	9.41	9.43	9.31
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	191.95	201.11	193.85	34.9	36.9	35.7	5.50	5.45	5.43
Paper & Allied Products	355.37	345.82	332.91	40.2	40.4	41.1	8.84	8.56	8.10
Printing & Publishing	392.83	390.20	358.67	38.4	37.7	36.9	10.23	10.35	9.72
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	446.31	448.11	425.59	40.5	40.7	41.4	11.02	11.01	10.28
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	347.25	348.14	318.16	37.5	37.8	38.8	9.26	9.21	8.20
Other Nondurable Goods	296.80	266.11	247.59	42.4	39.6	39.3	7.00	6.72	6.30

*This series excludes industry 2771.

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ST. LOUIS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,355,276 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

MARCH, 1984

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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The St. Louis SMSA unemployment rate declined from 10.2% in February to 9.7% in March. Unemployment usually declines from February to March, but this year's drop was somewhat less than normal. Unseasonal cold and wet weather during March kept construction and other outdoor activities from increasing to their normal levels this year. In fact construction employment, which normally increases from February to March, declined 300 over the month. Total employment, because of seasonal increases in some industries and a recall of workers in automobiles, rose by 12,400. Over the year, unemployment has declined by 18,300 and employment has increased by 37,400. The unemployment rate in February, 1983 stood at 11.5%. During the first quarter of 1984 (Jan., Feb., & March) the unemployment rate has averaged 10.2%, compared to the 1983 first quarter average of 11.9%. Although improvement did take place, weather conditions this year kept the rate from dropping further. The unemployment rate will likely average about 9.0% during the second quarter of 1984. There were 100 labor disputants in March 1984, February 1984, and March 1983.

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing employment increased 2600 over the month. Motor vehicle employment increased 1500 as auto workers on temporary lay-off in February due to a parts shortage were back at work in March. Nonelectrical machinery continued to improve. It added 300 workers during March as did the other nondurable goods industry. Primary metals and instruments, each down 100, were the only two manufacturing industries that declined over the month. Over the year, manufacturing has added 10,500 workers. Motor vehicles and nonelectrical machinery have shown the most improvement over this period.

NONMANUFACTURING

Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 4400 over the month. Seasonal employment increases occurred in transportation, trade, and finance. Service employment, although increasing by 1900, was held down somewhat this year because of weather conditions delaying preparation efforts in amusement and recreation. Construction employment, also affected by weather, declined 300. Over the year, nonmanufacturing

increased by 12800. Most major industries showed substantial improvement over 1983 levels. Mining and finance are the only two industries that registered declines.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER RESOURCES

State UI continued claimants in the SMSA were down 2800 in March from February, 1984. In the Missouri portion of the SMSA they were down 2200 and in the Illinois portion they were down 600.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Dec.	Jan. '84	Feb.	March
INA	0	2	2	2
Agriculture	76	162	129	144
Mining	19	32	34	55
Construction	1860	4734	3013	4106
Manufacturing Total	3776	4218	3614	3926
Food	554	547	548	556
Textile	24	33	29	26
Apparel	224	314	182	158
Lumber	57	85	44	37
Furniture	68	75	87	91
Paper	76	97	122	111
Printing	142	144	175	202
Chemicals	185	227	204	207
Petroleum	23	32	22	30
Rubber	90	92	87	123
Leather	211	327	187	341
Stone	65	149	80	97
Primary Metal	190	197	167	191
Fabricated Metal	522	539	442	437
Machinery	132	141	125	111
Electrical Machinery	247	267	253	248
Transportation Equip.	249	261	254	324
Instruments	31	43	56	39
Miscellaneous	682	643	549	594
Public Utilities	678	792	823	857
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2324	2686	2745	2890
Finance	414	404	337	378
Services	5590	5765	6173	6179
All Other	329	425	431	404
TOTAL	15066	19220	17301	18941

Of the 13,941 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in March, 1984, 64.0 percent were male and 36.0 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Dec.	Jan. '84	Feb.	March
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1585	1654	1774	1853
Clerical	2604	2593	2529	2693
Sales	698	752	770	790
Farm, Fish & Forest	188	310	275	262
Processing	365	348	287	301
Machine Trades	1167	1264	1184	1206
Bench Work	798	795	724	749
Structural Work	1636	2415	2048	2571
Misc. Work	2024	2241	2191	2268
Domestic	55	52	55	78
Other Services	2774	2591	2871	2836
INA	1172	4205	2593	3334
TOTAL	15066	19220	17301	18941

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1983 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Minority	HDCP
Apps. in File, %	44.7	16.0	21.9	38.7	2.4
Placements, %	44.1	13.5	38.1	30.1	2.0

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The occupational percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1984 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.1	2.5
Clerical	15.4	12.5
Sales	12.3	12.5
Processing	0.9	1.0
Machine Trades	4.9	4.7
Bench Work	4.0	4.5
Structural Work	8.4	10.5
Motor Freight & Transportation	2.4	2.3
Packaging & Material Handling	11.4	15.9
Domestic	1.0	1.1
Other Services	28.5	31.7
Other Occupations	5.7	0.8

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The unemployment rate for April is expected to be 8.8% and in May 8.8%.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)

Area and State St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current Data March, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change to Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	996,100	989,100	972,800	+7,000	+23,300
Percent Change				+(0.7)	+(2.4)
Manufacturing	220,200	217,600	209,700	+2,600	+10,500
Durable Goods	137,000	135,100	127,300	+1,900	+9,700
Lumber & Furniture	4,600	4,600	4,200	0	+400
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,100	3,000	3,300	+100	-200
Primary Metal Industries	14,400	14,500	13,900	-100	+500
Fabricated Metal Products	17,200	17,100	17,400	+100	-200
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,600	18,300	17,000	+300	+1,600
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	13,500	13,500	13,500	0	0
Transportation Equipment	53,500	51,900	45,700	+1,600	+7,800
Motor Vehicles	17,800	16,300	10,100	+1,500	+7,700
Aircraft & Parts	34,300	34,200	34,200	+100	+100
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,100	12,200	12,300	-100	-200
Nondurable Goods	83,200	82,500	82,400	+700	+800
Food & Kindred Products	20,900	20,900	21,400	0	-500
Meat Products	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	-100
Beverages	8,500	8,400	8,500	+100	0
Textiles & Apparel	6,900	6,900	7,000	0	-100
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0
Printing & Publishing	15,400	15,200	14,700	+200	+700
Chemical & Allied Products	20,500	20,400	20,300	+100	+200
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	+100
Leather & Leather Products	5,800	5,700	5,900	+100	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	5,400	5,100	4,900	+300	+500
Nonmanufacturing	775,900	771,500	763,100	+4,400	+12,800
Mining	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	-100
Construction	41,900	42,200	39,700	-300	+2,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	71,100	70,200	69,800	+900	+1,300
Railroads	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0
Transportation, Except Railroads	35,900	35,000	34,700	+900	+1,200
Communications & Public Utilities	27,800	27,800	27,700	0	+100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	229,900	228,400	225,900	+1,500	+4,000
Wholesale Trade	62,100	61,800	60,800	+300	+1,300
Retail Trade	167,800	166,600	165,100	+1,200	+2,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	59,100	58,800	59,200	+300	-100
Service, Except Domestic	232,000	230,100	227,300	+1,900	+4,700
Total Government	138,500	138,400	137,700	+100	+800
Total Federal Government	37,200	37,400	37,100	-200	+100
Total State & Local Government	101,300	101,000	100,600	+300	+700
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	100	0	0

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TABLE 2. AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State St. Louis Metropolitan Area — Month and Year of Current Data March, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$433.89	$424.54	$396.01	41.6	40.9	39.8	10.43	10.38	9.95
DURABLE GOODS	458.15	444.47	410.84	42.5	41.5	40.2	10.78	10.71	10.22
Lumber & Furniture	320.80	333.32	294.18	40.0	40.5	39.7	8.02	8.23	7.41
Stone, Clay & Glass	364.54	374.74	371.63	36.6	37.7	37.2	9.96	9.94	9.99
Primary Metal Industries	456.14	451.67	423.37	40.8	40.4	37.4	11.18	11.18	11.32
Fabricated Metal Products	417.66	415.24	388.80	41.6	41.4	40.0	10.04	10.03	9.72
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	447.84	455.87	401.17	41.2	41.9	39.1	10.87	10.88	10.26
Elect. & Electronic Equip.	309.68	308.09	283.86	39.4	39.6	39.7	7.86	7.78	7.15
Transportation Equipment	585.23	546.98	532.93	46.3	42.9	42.6	12.64	12.75	12.51
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	290.80	290.48	300.15	40.0	40.4	41.4	7.27	7.19	7.25
NONDURABLE GOODS	392.40	392.40	373.58	40.0	40.0	39.2	9.81	9.81	9.53
Food & Kindred Products	476.77	470.05	441.91	40.2	39.6	41.3	11.86	11.87	10.70
Textiles & Apparel	210.98	209.93	195.14	38.5	38.1	34.6	5.48	5.51	5.64
Paper & Paper Products	388.33	408.10	385.63	41.4	41.6	41.6	9.38	9.81	9.27
Printing & Publishing	397.19	395.37	400.90	38.6	38.8	38.0	10.29	10.19	10.55
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	456.45	449.21	409.86	42.5	42.1	40.5	10.74	10.67	10.12
Petroleum & Coal Products	616.59	572.29	615.41	43.3	41.5	43.4	14.24	13.79	14.18
Leather & Leather Products	189.30	193.13	174.54	36.9	37.5	33.5	5.13	5.15	5.21
Other Nondurable Goods	286.30	309.55	281.82	38.9	41.0	38.5	7.36	7.55	7.32

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SPRINGFIELD LABOR MARKET REVIEW
(GREEN AND CHRISTIAN COUNTIES)
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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

The Springfield SMSA labor force rose 800 from February to reach 114,400 in March. The area unemployment rate dropped eight-tenths of a percentage point, falling from 7.3 to 6.5 percent. The number of persons unemployed in March amounted to 7,400, 900 fewer than in February. This substantial drop reflects both seasonal and economic influences.

During March, 1983, there were 10,400 workers unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 9.3 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Payrolled employment inched upward 300 from February to reach 90,500 in March. Both sectors, manufacturing and nonmanufacturing, posted employment gains during the 30-day period.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 18,900 for March, was up 100 from February. This gain resulted from an accumulation of small increases in several durable goods manufacturing industries.

Nonmanufacturing jobs rose 200 from February to 71,600 in March. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment levels since February include: construction, up 200; trade, up 100; and government, down 100.

Since one year ago, payrolled employment shows an increase of 3,100. Substantial gains occurred in manufacturing, construction, trade and services. Job losses are noted in transportation and government.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers increased from $8.13 in February to $8.22 in March. Most of the jump was fostered by more overtime worked at premium pay. Average weekly hours worked rose seven-tenths of an hour from February to reach 40.3 hours in March. During March, 1983, average hourly wages amounted to $8.00 and the average factory work week came to 41.0 hours.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Payrolled employment is expected to show a moderate increase during April. Manufacturing jobs should remain fairly stable while seasonal influences boost nonmanufacturing employment. Nonmanufacturing industries expected to show increased employment during the next 30 days include construction, trade and services.

The rate of unemployment will continue on the downward trend established in February. A drop of four-tenths of a percentage point during April appears plausible.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK- March, 1983)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: March, 1984

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary Employment (Exc. Domestics)	90,500	90,200	87,400	+300	+3,100
Manufacturing	18,900	18,800	17,400	+100	+1,500
Durable Goods	10,100	10,000	8,700	+100	+1,400
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	800	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	9,200	9,100	7,900	+100	+1,300
Nondurable Goods	8,800	8,800	8,700	0	+100
Food Processing	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	+100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	+100
Nonmanufacturing	71,600	71,400	70,000	+200	+1,600
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,000	2,800	2,500	+200	+500
Transportation & Utilities	5,800	5,800	6,100	0	-300
Trade	24,900	24,800	24,000	100	+900
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Services	22,200	22,200	21,200	0	+1,000
Government	11,800	11,900	12,300	-100	-500
Federal	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	+100
State and Local	10,200	10,300	10,700	-100	-500
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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TABLE 2. GROSS AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Area and State Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data March, 1984

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Manufacturing	$331.27	$321.95	$328.00	40.3	39.6	41.0	$8.22	$8.13	$8.00
Durable Goods	321.58	318.35	335.49	40.4	40.4	42.2	7.96	7.88	7.95
Nondurable Goods	344.40	326.70	319.57	40.0	38.3	39.6	8.61	8.53	8.07
Food & Kindred Products	384.63	381.49	361.27	42.5	42.2	41.1	9.05	9.04	8.79
Other Nondurable Goods	322.31	297.20	294.51	38.6	36.2	38.7	8.35	8.21	7.61

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